

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: James Phan
Manabu Kato	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2872
Appln. No.: 08/951,635	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1809
Filed: October 17, 1997	)	
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For: SCANNING OPTICAL APPARATUS	)	December 18, 2008
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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: